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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: GROC IN PRE-INAUGURAL DOLDRUMS

1. GROC CABINET SUBMITTED RESIGNATIONS TO PREMIER CHIANG CHING-KUO MAY 11. PREMIER WILL SUBMIT THESE RESIGNATIONS, ALONG WITH HIS OWN, TO PRESIDENT ON MAY 18. WHEN RESIGNATIONS EFFECTIVE (DATE NOT CERTAIN), VICE PREMIER HSU CH'ING-CHUNG WILL BECOME ACTING HEAD OF GOVERNMENT. OTHER MINISTERS, WHILE TECHNICALLY OUT OF OFFICE, WILL CONTINUE TO RUN THEIR MINISTRIES UNTIL NEW CABINET INSTALLED.

2. GOVERNMENT WILL, OF COURSE, CONTINUE TO FUNCTION BUT NOT ON ALL CYLINDERS. MINISTERS SEEM PREOCCUPIED WITH QUESTION OF THEIR OWN FUTURES AND APPARENTLY RELUCTANT TO RAISE ISSUES WITH PREMIER OR OTHERWISE BOTHER HIM AT THIS BUSY TIME. VICE MINISTER CHIEN HAS TOLD US, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT REFUGEE POLICY ISSUE WHICH I HOPED TO DISCUSS WITH HIM YESTERDAY WILL PROBABLY NOT BE RESOLVED UNTIL AFTER INAUGURATION.
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GROC HAS ALSO NOT REPLIED TO OUR SAFED NOTE.

3. GIVEN THIS SITUATION, BELIEVE IT LIKELY GROC HAS NOT SYSTEMATICALLY ANALYZED OUR RECENT NORMALIZATION ACTIONS OR DISCUSSED WITH PREMIER HOW THEY SHOULD RESPOND. INSTEAD WHAT WE SEEM TO BE GETTING ARE REACTIONS OF INDIVIDUALS WITHIN GROC TO THOSE OF OUR

MOVES THEY ARE AWARE OF AND WHICH INVOLVE THEIR OWN
AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY. SULLIVAN

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